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CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS CONNECTING MANALI TO KEYLONG
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the project for construction of the Rohtang Tunnel on Manali-Keylong DGBR road in Himachal Pradesh was sanctioned by the Union Government;

(b) the total sanctioned cost of the project;

(c) the progress of the project,tunnel-wise; and

(d) the target date fixed for completion of the project, tunnel-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Construction of Rohtang Tunnel on Manali-Keylong-Sarchu road was approved by Cabinet Committee on Security on 6th September 2005.

(b) The project is approved at a cost of Rs.1410.37 crore which includes construction of Rohtang Tunnel proper (Rs.943.32 crore), approach roads to the tunnel (Rs.180.20 crore) and alternate road alignment Darcha −Padam-Nimmu (Rs.286.85 crore).

(c) Progress on construction of Rohtang tunnel is as follows:

(i) M/s. SMEC International Pvt. Ltd. from Australia was awarded consultancy contract for Rs.62.96 crore for detailed design and advisory services during construction.Design of tunnel is already completed by the consultant.

(ii) Pre-qualification of contractors for construction of civil works of Rohtang Tunnel has already been completed.

(iii) Tenders issued to 8 pre-qualified contractors.Five tenders have been received back on 25th February 2008.

(iv) Technical evaluation of tenders is in progress.

(v) Contract is likely to be awarded by 30th July 2008.

(d) The project is scheduled for completion by 2014.